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Letter dated 14 December 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2317 (2016), adopted on 10 November 2016, concerning Somalia and Eritrea. By paragraph 38 of the resolution, the Council decided to extend until 15 December 2017 the mandate of the Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that, after consulting with the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea, I have appointed the following experts:

Mr. Jay Bahadur, armed groups (Canada)
Mr. Charles Cater, natural resources (United States of America)
Ms. Déirdre Clancy, humanitarian affairs (Ireland)
Mr. Tapani Holopainen, finance (Finland)
Ms. Nazanine Moshiri, arms (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Mr. James Smith, regional (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Mr. Richard Zabot, arms (France)

I have designated Mr. James Smith to serve as Coordinator of the Monitoring Group.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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